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Subject: "I-4 Beyond the Ultimate" Project Development and Environment (PD&E)

Reevaluation Study

From West of County Road (CR) 532 to West of the Beachline Expressway/State Road

(SR) 528

Osceola and Orange Counties

Financial Project ID Number: 432100-1-22-01

Design Project ID Number: 431561-1-32-01 (Osceola County) Design Project ID Number: 242484-8-32-01 (Orange County)

Federal Aid Project Number: 0041-227-I

Dear Stakeholder,

On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), I invite you to attend a public hearing for the "I-4 Beyond the Ultimate" PD&E Study. This study focuses on the concept of adding express lanes on Interstate 4 (I-4), from west of US 27 to west of Kirkman Road/State Road (SR) 435 to the west, and from east of SR 434 to east of SR 472 to the east; a distance of approximately 40 miles. At this meeting we will present the recommended design alternative for adding express lanes on the segment of I-4 from **west of CR 532 to west of the Beachline Expressway/SR 528** in Osceola and Orange Counties. This hearing is being conducted to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

The hearing will be Tuesday, October 25, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Celebration Town Hall, located at 851 Celebration Avenue, Celebration, FL 34747. It will begin as an open house at 5:30 p.m. with a formal presentation at 6:00 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

Persons wishing to submit written statements, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by sending them to Beata Stys-Palasz, P.E. at 719 South Woodland Boulevard, DeLand, Florida 32720, by phone 386-943-5418, or by email to beata.stys-palasz@dot.state.fl.us. All statements postmarked no later than November 4, 2016 will become a part of the public hearing record.

The draft environmental and engineering reports developed by the Department will be available for public review from October 4, 2016 through November 4, 2016 at the following locations:

- 1. The Osceola Public Library, West Branch, located at 305 Campus Street, Kissimmee, FL 34747
- 2. The study website www.i4express.com

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jennifer Smith, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator by phone at 386-943-5367, or via email at jennifer.smith2@dot.state.fl.us.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Beata Stys-Palasz, P.E., by phone at 386-943-5418, or via email at beata.stys-palasz@dot.state.fl.us at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

For information pertaining to this project, please contact Beata Stys-Palasz, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, by phone at 386-943-5418, or via email at beata.stys-palasz@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Beata Stys-Palasz, P.E.

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